

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
REGARDING THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF BRIAN PICCOLO
SPECIALTY SCHOOL AND THE TERMINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL'S CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Illinois School Code grants the Board authority to establish guidelines to determine the factors for placing an attendance center on probation (105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(b));

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, the Board adopted the "School Remediation and Probation Policy for the 2007-2008 School Year," (Board Report 07-0328-PO1) in March 2007 and the "School Performance, Remediation and Probation Policy for the 2008-2009 School Year," (Board Report 08-0602-PO2) in June 2008;

WHEREAS, pursuant to said policies, Brian Piccolo Specialty School was placed on probation for the 2007-2008 school year, and will remain on probation for the 2008-2009 school year and will not be eligible for removal from probation until the 2010-2011 school year, at the earliest;

WHEREAS, the Illinois School Code further provides that when a probation school fails to make adequate progress to correct deficiencies within one year, the Chief Executive Officer, with the approval of the Board and after an opportunity for a hearing, may remove and replace the probation school's principal (105 ILCS 5/34-8.3(d));

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section V of the Board's Uniform Principal's Performance Contract, a principal's contract may be terminated before the expiration of its four-year term based upon the principal's removal pursuant to Section 5/34-8.3(d);

WHEREAS, a hearing was held on September 8, 2008, to consider whether the principal of Brian Piccolo Specialty School, Ms. Deborah Edwards Clay, should be removed due to the school's failure to make adequate progress in correcting its academic deficiencies;

WHEREAS, an independent hearing officer has submitted a written report to the Chief Executive Officer summarizing all relevant evidence offered during the hearing, making findings of fact and recommending the removal of the Piccolo principal;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer has reviewed the Hearing Officer's findings of fact and recommendation and has recommended that Ms. Deborah Edwards Clay be removed and replaced as the principal of Piccolo Specialty School and that Ms. Clay's four-year principal's contract, with an effective date of July 1, 2008, be terminated;

WHEREAS, Ms. Deborah Edwards Clay did not contest her removal as principal of Piccolo; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago that it is in the best interests of the Chicago Public Schools to remove and replace Ms. Deborah Edwards Clay as principal of Piccolo Specialty School and to terminate Ms. Clay's principal's contract;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, as follows:

Section 1: After considering the recommendation of the CEO, as well as the supporting findings of fact and recommendation of the hearing officer, and after a thorough review of the entire record of the principal removal hearing, that the Board of Education of the City of Chicago adopts the findings of the hearing officer and accepts the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 2: that Ms. Deborah Edwards Clay be removed and replaced as principal of Piccolo Specialty School and her principal's contract be terminated effective September 30, 2008.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take full force and effect upon its adoption.

THEREFORE, this Resolution is hereby adopted/~~rejected~~ by the members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago on September 24, 2008.